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25X1X6 [REDACTED] reports that the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture has not decided what system of control to use over the German farmers in the Russian Zone. At present there is no intention of setting up a collective system such as exists in Russia. A sort of farmers' cooperative (Genossenschaft) is now being cultivated, perhaps as a first step toward collectivization. Heavy penalties assessed against individual farmers are thought to be intended partly to influence them to join the cooperative. Most of the old farmers are said to be opposed to the cooperative, but the new farmers, who received their land through the agrarian reform, were forced to join from the start. The farmers sentenced for not fulfilling their quotas are sent to Russian-supervised farms to learn modern farming methods.

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Comment: It is not yet clear what connection there may be between the cooperative (Genossenschaft) and the Farmers' Mutual Assistance League (Vereinigung der gegenseitigen Bauernhilfe).

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